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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 27-29 have been canceled. New claims 30 and 31 have been added to the application.

New claim 30 is directed to a fuel-saving management system on a motor vehicle which is used for driving on a general road and is supported, for example, in the specification in paragraphs [0026] and [0027] (of the publication of the present application, US 2007/0213920 A1) and Figs. 11 and 13.

New claim 31 is directed to a fuel-saving management system on a motor vehicle which is used for driving on a highway/expressway and is supported, for example, in the specification in paragraphs [0028] and [0029] (of the publication of the present application, US 2007/0213920 A1).

Claims 30 and 31 are believed to find proper descriptive support in the specification within the meaning of the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112 and to be definite within the meaning of the requirements of the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112.

Claims 30 and 31 recite "detectors" for detecting vehicle speed, engine speed, and a fuel flow rate (claim 30); and vehicle speed and an accelerator angle (claim 31). The term "detectors" is used in the abstract of the disclosure.

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Additionally, the claims do not recite "means" and provide proper antecedent basis for claim terminology. Terms identified in the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, rejection as rendering the claims indefinite are not used in claims 30 and 31.

Withdrawal of the 35 USC § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim 29 is rejected in the Action under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Murakami et al., US 6,052,644 ("Murakami"). Claims 1-2 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami.

The 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103(a) rejections are now moot since claims 1, 2 and 27-29 have been canceled.

Murakami is also insufficient to support anticipation under 35 USC § 102 or obviousness under 35 USC § 103(a) of new claims 30 and 31.

Claims 30 and 31 define a fuel-saving management system. Murakami, on the other hand, is directed to an apparatus for limiting the vehicle speed of a working vehicle. The apparatus of Murakami does not include a detector for detecting fuel flow rate. Moreover, the apparatus of Murakami does not include an information-processing device which stores a count value into an information storage device when a time during which vehicle speed,

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engine speed and fuel flow rate satisfy required warning conditions exceeds a previously set time and does not include an information-processing device which stores a count value into an information storage device when a time during which vehicle speed and accelerator angle satisfy required warning conditions exceeds a previously set time.

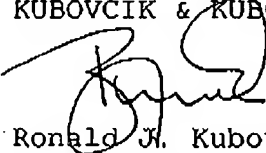
Withdrawal of the 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103(a) rejections is also requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2010.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension and any additional required fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 111833.

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